

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, the Abstract has been amended to overcome a formal objection thereto. Claims 1-7 have been canceled. Claims 8-10 have been added.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 through 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite, pointing out specific language in claims 1, 3, and 6 rendering these claims and claims dependent thereon indefinite. As noted above, claims 1-7 has been cancelled. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 became moot.

It is further respectfully submitted that claims 8-10 are in condition for all allowance. Claims 8-10 correspond in scope to claims 3, 4, and 7, which were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph (claims 1 and 3) and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims

8-9, which are claims 3 and 4 so rewritten, and claim 10 dependent on claim 9 are in condition for allowance. The indefiniteness in the base claim 1, the subject matter of which is included in claims 8-9, has been eliminated by clarifying the language of the base claim, and the indefiniteness in claim 3, the subject matter of which is included in claim 8, has been eliminated by providing proper antecedents, where necessary.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8-10 are in condition for allowance.

COMMENTS:


The Examiner's request to file a new Declaration has been noted. The Declaration has been sent to our associates for the execution by the inventors. The executed Declaration will be filed immediately upon receipt.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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